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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAKI NISHIYAMA) Examiner: H.J. Kim
Application No.: 09/532,076) Art Unit: 2182
Filed: March 21, 2000)
For: PERIPHERAL APPARATUS,)
CONTROL METHOD FOR)
PERIPHERAL APPARATUS,)
MEMORY MEDIUM, AND)
INFORMATION PROCESSING)
SYSTEM) November 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, to November 17, 2003 (November 15, 2003 being a Saturday, and November 16, 2003 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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The Office Action dated July 15, 2003, imposed an election-of-species requirement in the above-identified case. In the Office Action, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Office Action states that no claims are generic.

The Examiner alleged the existence of claims directed to five patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

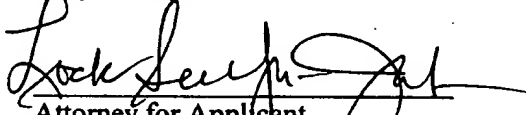
- Species 1, corresponding to embodiment 1;
- Species 2, corresponding to embodiment 2;
- Species 3, corresponding to embodiment 3;
- Species 4, corresponding to embodiment 4; and
- Species 5, corresponding to embodiment 5.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species I, on which Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 16-20, 26-30, and 36 are readable, for prosecution on the merits.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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